

NO. 3875. WEATHER—PROBABLY SHOWERS

### ALL TAX AUTOS MUST BE BASED ON COST

#### Senate Committee Also Approves Tax on Cigars—Exempts "Movie" Tickets.

Five important changes made yesterday by the Senate Finance Committee in the war bill, which is now under consideration. These provisions were:

1. An automobile tax based on the cost of the machine, and designed to raise \$2,000,000.
2. A new tax on cigars ranging from \$1 to \$7 per hundred.
3. Repealing of the "drawback" on sugar, on which the government paid \$15,000,000 last year.
4. Exempting from taxation tickets to moving picture shows costing 25 cents and under.
5. Making it mandatory to reveal when your income is \$800 and over, and thus subject to taxation.

#### Automobile Taxes.

The automobile tax is as follows: On machines costing not over \$500, \$7.50; on machines costing \$500-\$1,000, \$15; on machines costing \$1,000-\$2,000, \$25; on machines costing more than \$2,000, \$35. Motorcycles will be taxed at \$1.50.

The tax will apply only to automobiles costing the prices indicated, when brand new and will not apply to automobiles for sale by a dealer. A proviso will be inserted reducing the tax 10 per cent each year, for five years, on the machine you own. The purchaser, not the dealer, pays the tax to the government.

#### Taxes on Cigars.

The man who smokes cigars costing less than 4 cents will pay no extra tax. But cigars from 4 to 7 cents will cost 10 cents per hundred. Cigars costing 7 to 12 cents will cost 15 cents per hundred. Cigars costing 12 to 20 cents will cost 25 cents per hundred. Cigars costing 20 cents or more will cost 35 cents per hundred.

It is supposed that Senator Broussard, of Louisiana, had something to do with the repeal of the drawback on sugar. He protested that the 1-cent consumption tax imposed Thursday was a hardship on growers in his State and an addition to the tax on sugar. The "drawback" is money paid back by the government on raw sugar refined and exported.

#### Frenchman Gets Divorce

While Fighting Germans

Emile Beauvais, a citizen of France, and his wife, who live in this city, now in the war zone fighting the Germans, were granted an absolute divorce yesterday by Judge Joseph E. Sullivan, Jr., in the Equity Court, signed the decree which allows the husband the custody of their six-year-old son, Marcel, who is also in France.

#### Germany Has 12,000,000 Men Still Under Arms

New York, June 1.—Despite her losses, Germany now has 12,000,000 men under arms, according to a statement by the German government, which the Associated Press has received.

#### Peace Parade in Vienna

Austria, June 1.—A great peace demonstration occurred in Vienna today with the opening of the Austrian Parliament. It was reported from Vienna that the demonstration was a success and that the peace party was victorious.

#### Spargo Quits Socialists

New York, June 1.—Declaring that the Socialist party is un-American and pro-German, John Spargo, Socialist leader and member of the executive committee, announced this afternoon he had resigned from the party.

#### Rev. Dr. Mitchell Preaches Special Herald Sermon

The sermon in tomorrow's Herald will be written by Rev. Harry Dawson Mitchell, A. B., D. D., pastor of the Metropolitan M. E. Church, and for 21 years a member of the editorial staff of the Herald. Dr. Mitchell was born in Baltimore and received his education in the public schools of that city. He was graduated from the Western Maryland College and from Johns Hopkins University receiving his doctor's degree from the latter.

#### Floating Bar Captured in "Dry" Virginia Waters

Richmond, Va., June 1.—The good ship "C. Van Deusen," a floating bar that has been doing a big business along the coast of Virginia, was captured by government officers this afternoon. Her captain, John C. Van Deusen, and her crew, including John C. Van Deusen, Jr., and John C. Van Deusen, III, were taken to a military camp. The bar was carrying various cargoes, including a machine gun, and a machine gun completed his exhibit.

#### Bomb in Nation's Capitol Arouses Passing Interest

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#### German Bases Bombed

London, June 1.—An air raid was carried by British bombers over the three German bases of Zebruges, Bruges, and Antwerp, in Belgium, the admiralty announced today. Many tons of explosives were dropped. The aircraft were not damaged, but all returned safely to Dunkirk.

#### Slackers Caught at Border

New York, June 1.—Twenty-two race track hangers-on who attempted to escape registration by secreting themselves in cars loaded with horses for the Canadian race tracks, were taken off the cars at the border, Marshall McKenney was advised today. They will be returned here and forced to register.

#### Carranza Major Executed

El Paso, Tex., June 1.—After being paraded through the streets of Juarez, Maj. Eluterio Soto, of the Carranza army, charged with furnishing ammunition to Villa forces, was taken to a cemetery and executed by a Carranza firing squad in the presence of 2,000 spectators late yesterday. The execution was broadcasted by El Paso today.

#### New Revolution in Mexico

San Luis Potosi, June 1.—A new revolution is in progress in the state of San Luis Potosi, following a gubernatorial election, according to reports received here today from Saltillo.

#### Laugh with Briggs

His quaint humor and human touch make him the joy of millions.

Watch for his: Kelly Pool—Golf—The Days of Real Sport—Friend Wife—Somebody Is Always Taking the Joy Out of Life—It Will Happen in the Best Regulated Families—When a Fellow Needs a Friend.

They will appear daily in THE WASHINGTON HERALD starting June 11.

### NEW TORNADOES HIT TWO STATES

#### Storms Sweep Kentucky and Oklahoma, but Death Toll Is Not Large.

(By the International News Service.)

Chicago, June 1.—At least 400 persons were killed and more than 2,000 injured in a series of tornadoes and cyclones that swept ten Middle Western and Southern States in the week ending tonight. Destructive windstorms have taken heavy toll of life nearly every twenty-four hours since the first cyclone swept Anadarko, Kan., killing twenty-six, last Friday night.

Two more tornadoes were reported today. Several persons were injured this morning in a tornado that struck Viola, Ky., near Paducah. Another tornado struck Guthrie, Okla., this afternoon, injuring many persons.

Delayed dispatches from Texas this afternoon reported the killing of two persons at Pittman and probable loss of life at Lindsey in a tornado last night. A tornado struck near the city of Dallas, Tex., this afternoon, killing two and injuring many.

#### Gude Opens Consolidation Talk.

President A. Leftwich Gude, in opening the meeting, outlined the greater activities in which the greater Chamber of Commerce proposed to engage. He stated that it would involve a reorganization of the chamber upon the bureau plan, and outlined the new plan which would occupy committee in the coming year.

#### Fourteen Known to Be Dead in Wake of Oklahoma Storm

Oklahoma City, Okla., June 1.—Fourteen persons are known to have been killed and others were injured many of them fatally, in a series of tornadoes which swept Oklahoma towns in ten counties late today. The property damage approached a million dollars.

#### Second Tornado Sweeps Southwestern Kentucky

Lexington, Ky., June 1.—William Loomis was killed and a score of persons were hurt today when the second tornado swept the southwestern part of the State, and it is feared the death toll will be greatly augmented before morning.

#### Millionaire Police Chief Sentenced to Thirty Days

Detroit, June 1.—James Couzens, millionaire police chief of that city, was sentenced to jail for thirty days by Justice Sellers this afternoon, after a trial in which much bitterness developed.

#### Society Has Put Maternity Out of Fashion, Says Billy

New York, June 1.—"Society has just about put maternity out of fashion," Billy Sunday told an audience of New York women this afternoon.

#### Johnston Line Ship Sunk

Baltimore, Md., June 1.—A report that the Johnston line steamer, Jessmore, was sunk by a German submarine, was corroborated today by the Robert Ramsay Company, agents of the steamer at this port. The information also stated that Capt. Hignett and all hands were saved.

#### Business High Outing Most Successful Ever

The twelfth annual excursion of the Alumni Association of Business High School held yesterday at Marshall Hall. One of the largest crowds in the history of the school participated.

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The food director added, however, that Germany is putting out more U-boats than ever before.

The food director said that the supply of food for the British people was sufficient for twelve weeks, but that if it fell below seven weeks' supply, local famines would result.

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### SLEUTHS CREEK ANTI-DRAFT MEN

#### Jailing of Ring Leaders by Justice Department Agents Halts Propaganda.

The government's quick and decisive action in throwing into jail ring leaders of the anti-registration propaganda throughout the country and in announcing that trials for these cases had been held in several Ohio cases has chilled the hearts of the plotters.

Reports late yesterday to the Department of Justice showed a noticeable falling off in the activities of the propagandists. It was made plain that an extensive campaign is still in progress, however, and indications last night were that the Federal authorities are in preparation.

Striking at the psychological moment, the government is expected to deliver the main blow on Monday, the day before registration day. Hundreds of the plotters will be thrown into jail. It is believed that the entire anti-registration campaign will be overthrown, and there will be a concerted rush to the registration booths by hundreds of persons who otherwise would have had to incur the wrath of the government.

#### President Issues Warning

There were three main developments in the situation yesterday—four days before the registration day. The first was the jailing of the ring leaders of the anti-registration propaganda. The second was the warning issued by the White House, solemnly warning every man subject to registration to register on Monday, the day before registration day. In the same connection Attorney General Gregory declared that such slackers automatically exposed themselves to the provision of the law which provides a year's imprisonment for failing to register. This was the third development.

#### Closest Co-operation

It was learned that the Department of Justice is in effect between the Federal authorities and every police department in the country. To such an extent is this so that every bluecoat is to all intents and purposes a department investigator.

The police sources the department is obtaining a great part of its information concerning the propaganda. Attorney General Gregory explained yesterday that although the propaganda is widespread, it is scattered, and so far no conclusive evidence has been obtained of any organized movement.

#### War Trench Dugging BEGINS ON POTOMAC

Student Officers at Fort Myer Learn European Fighting Methods.

War trenches, modeled after those in Europe, will be thrown up along the Potomac in a few weeks.

The trenches will be laid out by the engineer companies at Fort Myer in the vicinity of Belvoir, Va., and will be the first of the assistance of infantry companies.

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HOME-SUBSCRIBER INCREASES	
For the six weeks ending Saturday, May 26th.....	2,897
Mon., May 28th.....	105
Tues., May 29th.....	94
Wed., May 30th (holiday).....	114
Thurs., May 31st.....	3,210